**Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

**Minutes of Steering Group meeting**

**Wednesday 20th October 2021**

**Present** : R. Clarkson, C. Coyle, L. Crosland, C. Exley, B. Flynn, M. Norman, S. McQuire, R. Utley

**Apologies** : J. Andrews, C. Lomas, P. Roberts, M. Tonks, W. Treloar, S. Williams

**Declaration of Interest**: No new.

**Minutes of the last meeting** : accepted.

**Matters arising** ( items not on agenda ) : None

**Regulation 14 update**: B. Flynn reported that the Writing Group had met on 5 occasions since the last Steering Group meeting including one with Abbie and Ian . The latest comments produced had been sent to the Steering group and included the Writing Group’s response to Abbie’s additional comments , which had been helpful. The meeting with Ian and Abbie had been useful and suggested that some of the responses could contain more explanatory detail.

The Steering group agreed to endorse the responses made by the Writing group to date.

**Decision and Actions** : The Writing Group will continue to meet to discuss the remaining 50 pages of the Regulation 14 comments.

**Treasurer’s update**: S. Williams had reported that the financial situation had not changed.

**Membership Update**: C. Coyle reported that there had been no changes to membership

**Facebook update**: W. Treloar had hoped to join the meeting later but unfortunately could not attend.

**Event at St. Benedict’s**: This is an event for groups in Garforth on Saturday 30th October to raise their profile and actions to address climate changes in Garforth. It was decided to :

* Produce information on the policies in the plan which address climate change issues. Action B. Flynn and S. McQuire. L. Crosland to print.
* R. Utley suggested having information on cycleways and footpaths around Garforth. Action ?
* Have a gazebo. Action B. Flynn
* Ask Alan Tynan for the loan of a table and relevant maps and S. Williams for the banner. Action S. McQuire

R. Clarkson, L. Crosland, S. McQuire, R. Utley would help on the day. B. Flynn will also be present at the event.

**Leeds 2023**: R. Clarkson reported that he will be contacting the organiser

**Development Plan Panel** : No further meetings this month. The next meeting is on 2nd November . Agenda not yet available.

**Outer East Community Committee** : The next meeting is on 7th December. Agenda not yet available.

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**North and East Plans Panel :**

Met 14th October. No discussions relating to Garforth, however the controversy over the Collingham development still has not been resolved. In essence the outline application included bungalows and 2 bed properties but these had since been removed by the developer, green space was also reduced. Ward and PC Cllrs raised concerns stating that the NP policies should have been taken into account. Apparently there is no policy basis on which this has to be provided and the 2 bed properties were adequately provided for elsewhere in the city. See report in the link below.

The matter was deferred and further discussion to be held with ward members and if not resolved to be returned to the plans panel. It was not listed for discussion in October nor has it been resolved! For those interested the see planning application 19/ 07608.

<https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/g11416/Printed%20minutes%2022nd-Jul-2021%2013.30%20North%20and%20East%20Plans%20Panel.pdf?T=1>.

**Planning applications relating to Garforth:**

1. The application to build on the green space by East Garforth school had been rejected by the planning department on the grounds that it is an LCC designated green space. It is noted that the same principle applies to the cricket field site although a decision has yet to be agreed!
2. The application for a change of use for the 2 new retail shops on the ground floor of the new apartments opposite the library to a dental/ orthodontic surgery has been accepted.

**AOB**: R. Clarkson suggested that we send out information to members and the Facebook page notification that GNPF will be at the St Benedict’s event and a follow up afterwards. Action R. Clarkson to compose a suitable paragraph.

The Secretary suggested that the start time of these meetings could be deferred by half an hour. This proposal was accepted . All future meetings will commence at 7.30 pm.

**Date of next meeting** : Wednesday 17th November 2021 by Zoom